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1. GRC AMBASSADOR LIU CHIEH CALLED ON ME BY APPOINTMENT
OCTOBER 18. HE REFERRED TO PRESS REPORTS THAT MARCOS
HAD "CONSULTED" WITH ME ABOUT GOP INTENTION RECOGNIZE PRC
AND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO BE "ENLIGHTENED".

2. I TOLD LIU THAT IT WOULD BE ERRONEOUS TO SAY THAT I
HAD BEEN "CONSULTED". I HAD MERELY BEEN "INFORMED" OF
DECISION TAKEN BY GOP TO RECOGNIZE PRC, IN SAME WAY
THAT ASEAN ABMASSADORS HAD BEEN INFORMED.

3. LIU NEXT ASKED IF MARCOS HAD INDICATED WHEN THE ACTUAL
STEP OF RECOGNITION WOULD BE TAKEN. I SAID THAT I
HAD NOT ASKED THAT QUESTION, BUT GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT
CONSIDERABLE NEGOTIATION WAS LEFT TO BE DONE. LIU SAID
THAT SINGAPORE AMBASSADOR HAD ASKED AND HAD BEEN TOLD
"NOT THIS YEAR".

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4. CONVERSATIONS AFTER THIS POINT TURNED TO RAMIFICATIONS OF IMELDA'S VISIT AND NATURE OF RECEPTION SHE HAD BEEN GIVEN IN CHINA. LIU MAINTAINS THAT SHE BROUGHT BACK TWO PRC OFFICIALS WITH HER, UNDER THE GUISE OF "JOURNALISTS". HE SAYS THEY ARE SENIOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS WHO ARE CONDUCTING EXTENSIVE INTERVIEWS IN LOCAL CHINESE COMMUNITY.

5. COMMENT: IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFTTEL, I WAS ABOUT AS UNINFORMATIVE AND UNHELPFUL TO MY GRC COLLEAGUE AS ANY WASHINGTON BUREAUCRAT WOULD HAVE BEEN. AS FOR HIS STORY ON THE TWO INTELLIGENCE TYPES, I AM HAVING IT CHECKED OUT AND WILL REPORT FURTHER.
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